at Jabalpur. The estimated initial cost be met by the ISRO is nearly Rs. 11.91 crore, whereas the cost of studio equipment and other peripherals will be nearly Rs. 83.00 lakhs which will be met by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The operational cost will be met by the Distance Education Council (DEC)/IGNOU,which is estimated to be Rs. 1.44 crore per year.

Universalisation of secondary education

463. SHRI R. P. GOENKA:
SHRI C. PERUMAL:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Rs. 81,000 crores detailed programme has been drawn up for universalising secondary education on the pattern of the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funding of the programme and the role assigned to the States and its present status;

(d) the details of any dedicated machinery proposed to be set up for successful implementation of the gigantic programme; and

(e) the Planning Commission's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) No detailed programme for universalising Secondary Education has been drawn up. However, a concept note has been prepared and sent to the Planning Commission. No decision has been taken to formulate a regular scheme in this regard. A scheme may emerge after due consultation.

Exploitation of young women by NRIs

464. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether numerous instances of exploitation of young women in the pretext of marriage by NRIs have come to Government's notice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures being contemplated to prevent such instances in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) As informed by the National Commission for Women, there have been in increase in recent years in the number of Indian women marrying NRIs and foreigners. In several cases, the family of bride and the bride herself are put to severe trauma as these marriages, they realize, have been marriges of convenience. Several cases of desertion and problem of custody of children have also been noticed.

(c) Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs had informed that in information booklet for the guidance of the prospective wives and their families is being prepared by them. In the State of Punjab, where the problem of NRI marriages exists, the State Government informed that they are contemplating enactment of a legislation on marriage with NRIs. They have also constituted a NRI Cell in the office of Director General of Police, Punjab to provide legal and counselling services for prospective brides.

Utilization of education cess

465. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 2 per cent education cess has yielded Rs. 5010 crore and it is likely to touch Rs. 10,000 crore in 2005-06 but his Ministry has no idea where the money is parked;

(b) whether it is a fact that this money is funding key components of elementary education the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the ten year old Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS); and

(c) if so, the amount spent on these two schemes so far and how Government propose to spend the remaining amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the Receipts Budget 2005-06, estimated receipts from the Education Cess are as following:

RE 2004-05 Rs. 5010 crores
BE 2005-06 Rs. 6975 crores